

The following information details the requirements for add-on certification in the area of gifted and talented and the requirements for endorsement on gifted and talented education.

Please note that the add-on certification is **optional**.

The endorsement is required for teachers of academically gifted and talented classes or courses. The grandfather period has ended. Teachers of academically gifted and talented classes or courses must complete the six hours of graduate work detailed below under Gifted and Talented Endorsement.

The endorsement is not required for teachers of artistically gifted and talented courses or classes.

43-62.10 GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

1. Bachelor's degree
2. Professional certificate at the elementary, middle school or secondary level
3. Minimum qualifying score(s) on the State Board of Education required specialty area examination(s)

<u>Specialized preparation</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
<u>Requirements for elementary level:</u>	
Nature and Needs of Gifted and Talented Students	3
Introduction to Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted and Talented Students	3
Advanced Curriculum Practices for Gifted and Talented Students	3
Identification, Current Trends, and Issues in Gifted and Talented Education	3 *
Special Topics in Gifted and Talented Education	3 *
Practicum in Gifted and Talented Education	3
<u>Requirements for middle level:</u>	
Nature and Needs of Gifted and Talented Students	3
Introduction to Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted and Talented Students	3
Advanced Curriculum Practices for Gifted and Talented Students	3
Content Area Courses at the Graduate Level	9 *

For middle school teachers, content-area courses at the graduate level must be applicable to curriculum and instruction at the middle school level.

Requirements for secondary level:

Nature and Needs of Gifted and Talented Students	3
Introduction to Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted and Talented Students	3
Advanced Curriculum Practices for Gifted and Talented Students	3
Content Area Courses at the Graduate Level	9 *

For high school teachers, content-area courses at the graduate level must be applicable to curriculum and instruction at the high school level.

*Teachers may take a three-hour graduate course or the equivalent in recertification credit.

Gifted and talented endorsement

In order to fulfill Regulation 43-220 (II.C.), all teachers of a gifted and talented course or class must complete a training program that is approved by the Department of Education. Completion of the training presented below fulfills this requirement and provides an endorsement in gifted and talented education.

1. Professional certificate in the teaching area, and six hours in:
Nature and Needs of Gifted and Talented Students
Introduction to Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted and Talented Students

For those teachers with experience in gifted and talented education, there are several paths leading to endorsement. A two-year phase-in period is provided to allow experienced teachers to meet the endorsement requirements. This period ends August 31, 2002. The requirements and options are as follows:

Required for all teachers:

Professional certificate in the teaching area
Nature and Needs of Gifted and Talented Students (3 hours) or
the equivalent

or

Introduction to Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted and Talented Students; and one of the following options:

Verification of three years of successful teaching experience in
gifted and talented education

or

Advanced degree in Gifted and Talented Education (masters,
education specialist, and/or doctorate).